

FAIRFAX CONNECTOR CUSTOMER NOTICE BELVOIR LIMITED SERVICE DISCONTINUANCE

Fairfax Connector Belvoir Limited bus service operating between the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station and Fort Belvoir will be discontinued after completion of the 5:06 p.m. trip on Friday November 1, 2002.

As many of you are aware the Belvoir Limited was implemented to continue bus service between the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station and Fort Belvoir for one month following discontinuance of Fairfax Connector Route 202 service to the Fort on September 27, 2002. During this time options have been explored to continue the service. Fairfax County cannot continue the service due to the same budget constraints that led to discontinuance of Route 202 service to Fort Belvoir. Fort Belvoir staff have verbally informed the County's Department of Transportation that it cannot fund the service. Therefore, the only option left is to discontinue the Belvoir Limited.

As part of the overall budget reduction required by the County's FY2003 budget, the Department of Transportation eliminated Route 202 service to the Fort, as well as other routes in the County. Criteria such as ridership utilization, availability of alternative service, and maximizing savings while minimizing impacts on customers were used in deciding which services to cut to meet the required reduction. For Route 202 as you may know, the restricted access to the Post and its facilities resulting from the September 11th terrorists attacks required us to add an additional bus to maintain the 202 service due to the substantial routing changes that had to be made. There was no funding set aside to absorb these unexpected costs, which added additional stress to our budget.

Bus service provided to Fort Belvoir by Metrobus Route 9A and Fairfax Connector Routes 107 and 304 **will be retained**. Information on these routes and other services that might work for you as alternatives to the Belvoir Limited are given below. Although you may not agree with our decision, we hope that you can appreciate the circumstances leading to the decision.

Schedule and other information on FAIRFAX CONNECTOR routes can be found at www.fairfaxconnector.com or by calling (703) 339-7200, TTY (703) 339-1608.

Schedule and other information on Metrobus routes can be found at www.metroopensdoors.com or by calling (202) 637-7000, TTY (202) 638-3780.

Call (703) 324-1111 for information about forming or registering for carpools and vanpools.

Persons with special transportation needs may want to contact the Community Services Board at (703) 799-2742 and/or MetroAccess at (301) 562-5361.